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DATA-REPRODUCING METHOD, RECORDING DEVICE,  
REPRODUCTION DEVICE, AND MULTILAYER OPTICAL  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and  
§§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report  
that was mailed on August 26, 2003, with respect to International Patent  
Application No. PCT/JP03/04304, of which the present application is the U.S.  
National Stage Application, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-273164, together with  
patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,761,301;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-212681, together with  
patent family members U.S. Patent No. 5,881,038 and U.S. Patent No.  
5,805,551;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-36803, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-236621, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner are set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following document:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-21697, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 3 and 5 of the specification of the present application.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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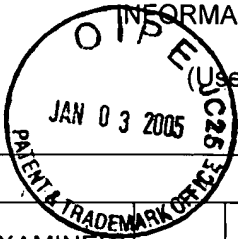
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1	English Language Abstract of JP 8-36803.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 2002-236621.
3	English Language Abstract of JP 7-21697.

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